(*b*) The following steps have been taken:

(*i*) Institution of the Special Economic Depression Loan Staff.

(*ii*) Institution of the Land Mortgage Bank.

(*iii*) Facilities for jaggery tapping.

(*iv*) Organization of Weaving Societies, Coir Industrial Society, Industrial Society, Stores, Fishermen's Societies, Rural Reconstruction Societies, Poultry Society and Jaggery Industrial Society.

(*v*) Starting of the Rural Reconstruction Centre at Cherpu.

(*vi*) Starting of the Coir School at Narakkal.

(*vii*) The question of manufacture of sugar from sweet toddy and of the cultivation of tobacco is under consideration.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES—GOVERNMENT TRADES SCHOOL, TRICHUR—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

178. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of students who have passed out of the Government Trades School, Trichur, after completing their course in Mechanical, Electrical and Motor sections during the last 5 years;

(*b*) whether the Government have been able to provide any of them with appointments in any department?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Mechanical Section 7
Electrical Section 27
Motor Section 30

(*b*) T. Ramankutty Menon, Radio operator, and K. V. Mathew, Barge Driver (now employed as driver of the Police Motor launch) have been appointed in the P. W. D. Information is not available as regards the rest.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are the Government aware that many students who have undergone training in that institution are still unemployed?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Many of them must have got employment either in private or in public service. There is no information.

ELEPHANTS—MAINTENANCE OF.

179. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(*a*) the number of elephants the Government own and maintain at present;

(*b*) the income obtained in 1113 M. E. on account of them as hire charges, etc.;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred in 1113 M. E. on account of them for their maintenance, treatment, pay of mahouts, etc.?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Nine including one Devaswam elephant maintained by Government for decoy work. Of these nine elephants, 2 are old captures, 2 are new captures of 1112, and 5 of 1113.

(*b*) Rs. 1,128—10—0 (from Chingam till the end of Edavam 1113).

(*c*) Rs. 2,512—7—0 (from 1st Chingam 1113 till the end of Edavam 1113). Out of Rs. 2,512—7—0 expended towards maintenance charges of the 9 animals, Rs. 1,126—14—0 represent the expenditure incurred for capturing, training, etc., of the 5 new captures of the current year. The 5 animals captured this year are just now only completing their training and are not yet in a condition to earn any hire, and the 2 animals captured last year also are not yet fit for working, but only for processions, etc.

ANTHIKAD VILLAGE OFFICE—LOCATION OF.

180. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the distance (in yards) between the Anthikad Village Office and the Hindu temple of that locality?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The distance between the Bhagavathi temple and the Village Office is 196 2/3 yards.

CATTLE GRAZING GROUNDS IN THE VILLAGES OF PARIYARAM, ELINGIPRA AND KODASSERI.

181. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there are cattle grazing lands in the villages of Pariyaram, Elingipra and Kodasseri;

(*b*) if so, where are they situated and what is their extent?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) There are cattle grazing grounds in Pariyaram village.

In Kodasseri and Elingipra there are no cattle grazing grounds. But in Kodasseri some Forest Reserve Lands are being used for the purpose.

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